THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In fact the number of accidents has reduced over the last few years. Between October, 2004 and August, 2007, 43 accidents have taken place.

(c) and (d) Government consider safety of passengers and that of drivers driving the vehicles of paramount importance. The following measures have been taken to enhance safety of passengers/drivers/etc. on apron:

1. Use of speed gun to monitor/control vehicular movement.
2. Deployment of Airside Monitoring and Inspection jeeps for enforcement of apron rules and regulations.
3. Restriction of speed in some "Accident prone areas".
4. Installation of additional information signs regarding speed limit.
5. Fencing of critical equipment parking areas to control entry/exit of vehicular/equipment.
6. Redesigning of apron layout to reduce vehicular movement.

Tripartite agreement for maintenance of aircraft

923. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of tripartite agreement entered into between Indian Airlines, Airbus and Jupiter Aviation for maintenance, repair and overhaul joint venture;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is first of its kind in the Indian aviation industry;

(c) what are the new technologies expected to come from Airbus; and

(d) by when the first phase of services are going to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) No Tripartite agreement has been entered into among Indian Airlines, Airbus and Jupiter Aviation for Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Joint Venture (MRO-JV). However, Term Sheet has been executed on 10.5.2007 between Indian Airlines and Jupiter Aviation and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. which has been endorsed by Airbus Industries with a commitment to provide full support to the joint venture with a view to meeting the Airbus MRO obligation arising out of the purchase of 43 aircraft by Indian Airlines. The Term Sheet is intended to serve only as a basis for discussion of the major prospective business terms that would apply to the prospective joint venture between Indian Airlines and Jupiter Aviation and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. As per the term sheet, execution of the JV is subject to the approvals of the Board of Directors of Indian Airlines Ltd. and of the Government.